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Department Announces Settlement Agreement with Tosco

Berkeley - The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) of the California Environmental Protection Agency today announced that it has reached a \$15,000 settlement agreement with Tosco Corporation for hazardous waste violations at its facility located at 1660 West Anaheim Street in Wilmington, California.

Following a DTSC inspection of Tosco's Wilmington facility in October 2000, Tosco was cited for the following violations:

- C Allowing hazardous waste to spill onto an asphalt floor within the hazardous waste storage area of the facility.
- C Failure to transfer hazardous waste to a roll-off bin that was in good condition, thus allowing hazardous waste spillage.

Tosco, one of the largest marketers and refiners of petroleum products in the U.S., became a fully owned subsidiary of Phillips Petroleum Company in September 2001.

In paying the \$15,000 penalty, Tosco denied liability for the violations. Under the terms of the agreement, DTSC is not limited from taking appropriate enforcement actions against the company for any future violations.

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DTSC is one of six Boards and Departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC's mission is to protect and enhance public health and the environment by regulating the management of hazardous waste and promoting its reduction.

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"The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web-site at www.dtsc.ca.gov."